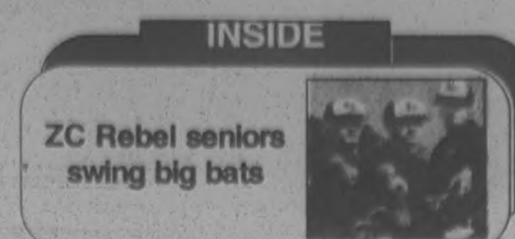
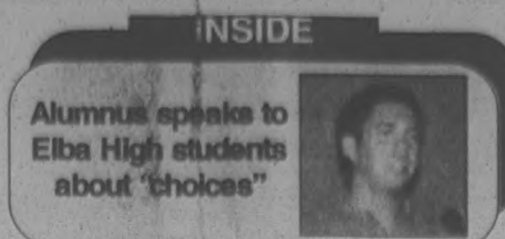


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Local "full-service" station closes after nearly 50 years of business

by Brian Blair, Staff Writer

As of Monday, March 31st, Elba lost a hometown business that has been around for nearly 50 years - Lloyd Daniels' BP Station.

According to Lloyd Daniels and his wife, Ella Daniels, it was an interesting start for the local "full-service" station, and the Daniels have many fond memories of their years in business.

"I was laid off from Dorsey Trailers on a Friday, and I opened the service station on the following Monday," Mr. Daniels said with a grin.

While he said the details do not remain clear, Mr. Daniels said he is sure he had been already been considering purchasing the building prior to his layoff.

"One thing is certain; I never got laid off again," he said with a laugh.

Lloyd Daniels' BP Station has been located in Elba since September 1960 and has always

been a full service station servicing vehicles with oil changes, tire rotations and other service work through the years. There was also a time when the station offered a car wash service with 10-20 cars washed per day. However, that was many years ago, and as the rising cost of labor increased, Daniels said that endeavor had to be stopped.

On Friday of last week, Mr. Daniels both discussed numerous things they have seen come and go in the City of Elba during their nearly 50 years of business.

"I remember when the square was full, and you had to look for a parking place," said Mrs. Daniels. "I also remember when we used to stay open until 10 p.m. on Saturday nights."

She said the later hours were largely in part to many people coming to town to shop around the square or go to the local movie theatre.

Mr. Daniels said he remem-

bers when gas was 25 cents per gallon.

"During my time, I've watched gas increase from 25 cents per gallon and now reach \$3.25 cents per gallon," he said.

Mr. Daniels also said he remembers when gas was allocated during a period in the 1970s. Due to an embargo, he said the station was only given so much gas to sell during a week.

"We used to either close down early or skip a day of work so that we wouldn't run out of gas," Daniels said. "It was an interesting time."

The Daniels both spoke kindly of Elba and days past when there were businesses all around the square - when there were more people and more houses.

"It was a different time," said Mrs. Daniels. "There were dress shops, men's clothing stores, grocery stores, a pool hall and many other businesses downtown. It was nice."

Upon being asked why he thought that many "mom and pop" type service stations are becoming few and far between, Mr. Daniels said, "It's just a sign of the times. Small 'mom and pop' stations can't compete with the larger convenience stores, and at our age, it wouldn't be worth all the expense to remodel."

Mr. Daniels also said most of the convenience stores are owned by those who are wealthier and can invest more into the business. However, he added that while owning the business can be confining, it does have many good points.

"Owning a business like this, you get to have really loyal customers," Daniels said. "We are going to miss our customers. We know that they are disappointed, and we are too. Local-owned service stations are sort of being forced out to a degree."

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Representative Terry Spicer appointed to State Workforce Investment Board

Representative Terry Spicer (D-Elba) has been appointed to serve on the State Workforce Investment Board by Governor Riley.

In the appointment letter to Spicer, the governor stated, "I have made honesty and integrity a priority in my administration, and I know you will embody these two virtues while serving the people of Alabama."

"It is a great honor to be appointed to this board by the governor, and I appreciate his vote of confidence," said Spicer.

The Board's goal is to develop a seamless and comprehensive state plan for all workforce



Rep. Terry Spicer

skills centers, skills training consortia.

"Nothing is more important than making sure that all our citizens have the opportunity for good, high-paying jobs," said Spicer.

Brooks announces candidacy for Coffee County Commission's District One seat

Tommie Brooks Jr. announces his candidacy for Coffee County Commission's District One seat in the June 3, 2008 Democrat primary.

Brooks is a lifelong resident of Coffee County District One and is a 1964 graduate of Mulberry Heights High School. He is the son of Mrs. Cubedine Brooks and the late J.C. Brooks. He has been married for 42 years to Eula Mae Brooks from Greenville, Ala., and they have four children and five grandchildren.

Tommie is a member of the Bethlehem Baptist Church where he serves as a Deacon, Sunday school teacher and president of Senior Choir. He is the president of the Alabama Seven Shape Singing Convention and president of the Mulberry District Laymen Convention. Also, he is an active member of the Traveling Stars of Opp, Ala.

Brooks is a former employee of Dorsey Trailers where he was foreman for nine years. In August 1999 he retired from Ft. Rucker in which he supervised the Battery Department.

He was a chairman at IAM Credit Union for 10 years and served as vice president of the Curtis Water Board. Currently, he is a business owner (Brooks



Tommie Brooks Jr.

Detailing, Inc.) and a member on the Coffee County Water Board Authority. Also, he is a member of the Coffee County Democrat Confusions, Silver Square Lodge #81 and Equity #29.

"Working with the public will help me better serve the citizens of Coffee County," Brooks said. "If elected District One Coffee County Commissioner, I pledge to keep the communication lines open to address the concerns for the citizens in District One of Coffee County. I greatly appreciate your support during this campaign and vote on June 3, 2008 primary."



Lloyd and Ella Daniels, owners of Daniels BP Station, closed the business on Monday of this week (March 31st) after nearly 50 years of "full-service." They couple said they are looking forward to retirement but will surely miss all their loyal customers.

Coffee County Schools System holds kickoff event for students as they prepare for ARMT

Students in grades 4th-6th from the Coffee County Schools System received a special treat Monday, March 31, as they prepare for upcoming testing.

Students from Kinston, Zion Chapel and New Brockton all came together in the New Brockton High School auditorium to hold a kickoff for the Alabama Reading and Math Test (ARMT). The results of this test are used to determine each school's AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) and assist in planning curriculum, schedule and staffing for the coming school year.

The kickoff included a special performance by the Birmingham Children's Theatre with their performance of "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer." The performance was sponsored by the Coffee County Arts



Students in grades 4-6 from Kinston, Zion Chapel and New Brockton watch a special performance Monday, March 31, by the Birmingham Children's Theatre.

Alliance. Christy McDaniel, Pass Grant coordinator for the Coffee County School System, helped set up the kickoff, and said the

program was to help get the students excited about the upcoming

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Local UDC chapter conducts grave marker ceremony at Bluff Springs Cemetery

Archer served in Company D of the 59 Georgia Infantry. He and his first wife, Miss L. F. Osburn, had nine children. At the time of his death, he was survived by eight children, 49 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

The General Edmond Winchester Rucker Chapter United Daughters of the Confederacy held the ceremony at the request of the family who marked the grave, that had gone so long unknown. A veteran's marker was obtained and placed at the grave by the Archer descendants.

The dedication was conducted by Shirley Edberg, president of the UDC Chapter. A memorial was given by Archer's great-granddaughter Edna Woodard. Another descendant, Daphne Reynolds, shared memories of her great-grandfather told to her

by her mother. Cathy Boutwell, also a descendant, read the poem, *The Mansions of the Lord*.

The marker was unveiled by Lorraine Archer Cwoke, great-granddaughter. Prayers were

offered by members of the local UDC and SCV chapters.

As *Amazing Grace* was played, a traditional wreath of magnolia leaves was laid at the grave to honor Archer.



Shirley Edberg, president of The General Edmond Winchester Rucker Chapter United Daughters of the Confederacy, watches Saturday, March 8, as a wreath of magnolia leaves is laid by chapter member Donna Clark at the grave of Confederate soldier William H. Archer during a memorial and grave marker dedication ceremony held in honor of Archer.

Area Happenings

A CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION will be held Saturday, April 12, at 2 p.m. at the Enterprise City Cemetery, located on North Main Street in Enterprise. The event, sponsored by the United Daughters of the Confederacy Gen. Edmond Winchester Rucker Chapter #2534, is open to the public. The celebration will include a grave marking ceremony and roll call of CSA Veterans with a special salute by Co E 15th Alabama Re-enactors.

ELBA HIGH SCHOOL BAND DAY will be Saturday, April 26, in Elba. B-B-Q plates are on sale now for Band Day and will remain on sale through Friday, April 11. Plates can be purchased at Elba High School or from any elementary or high school band member. Look for more details regarding Band Day 2008 in upcoming editions of The Elba Clipper.

BRAINSTORMS

with Fern Cox

David Paterson, the Lt Governor who stepped in as New York Governor when the elected head man got caught in a sex scandal, started out his term of office with a confession to almost straying from his marriage, all with his wife at his side. A day or so later he confessed to more affairs and then some more. It fast went from confessions to apparent bragging but those news media folks in New York were eating it up. Then Paterson wisely declared "enough is enough" and shut down the soap opera drama. It now will be awful hard for anyone to expose Paterson because he has already exposed so much potential scandal himself.

Former U. S. Congressman William Dickinson, who served the 2nd Congressional District of Alabama from 1964 to 1992, died this week at his Montgomery home. We last saw him at an event in Montgomery about 18 months ago and thought he was showing his age when actually the man was very sick. He was elected during the 1964 Goldwater sweep of the South but ran every two years on Bill Dickinson's record and not just as the Republican on the ticket. In fact a whole lot of Democrats, including county committee members right here in Coffee County privately admitted to voting for him year in and year out. During his long tenure Dickinson rose to become an extremely strong voice in the U. S. House. He was also considered a friend by many in Elba, including our family.

40,000 people participated in 2008 Scale Back Alabama weight loss plan which was recently completed. The total weight lost by all participants who weighed in during the final week was 207,871. Some who started the program didn't get back for that final weighing, or the average loss would have been much higher. We salute those who cut back on their eating and are confident it will help their long range health. Now if they will just let us in on their secrets of success!

Hillary Clinton has said she wasn't about to drop out of the Democratic race for the presidential nomination. It is no secret that she is not a fan of this country boy but suggesting she drop out just because someone else is slightly ahead of her (by some counts) in delegate count is wrong and self centered. In fact seeing a race go all the way to the national convention is something favored here, if for nothing else, old times sake. As a child we spent more than a few hours listening to the late night radio broadcasts of the national conventions. Announcer Robert Trout could describe the events on the convention floor in such detailed language that we understood exactly the confusion on the floor as delegates worked their agendas. One convention (Democrat) sticks out vividly as we were emotionally involved in the potential outcome and because of getting in trouble with an upset Mother at 2 A.M. on a school night. We had the lights out and the radio down low, we thought. However Mother quickly explained what was about to happen if he heard the radio anymore that night! Now we were keeping up with the delegate vote on sheets and sheets of paper, pulling for that coonskin cap wearing Senator from Kentucky (or maybe he was from Tennessee). There was no doubt in our mind we were helping him with his vote search and had been nominated for president, he would have won the elections hands down. Of that we were sure... absolutely sure. Yet Mother would only accept one thing from us... "Yes Mother I will go to sleep immediately!"

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, March 24, 2008, investigated the following incidents: one for menacing, three for theft of property, one for a vehicle vs. dog incident, one runaway, one cat bite, two for criminal mischief, one burglary and one domestic assault.

The following arrests were made: one for possession of marijuana, one for criminal mischief, one for failure to appear, one for burglary and one for kidnapping.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: one for operating without insurance, twelve for speeding, one for an improper turn, two for a suspended driver's license, four for violation of the seat belt law, two for violation of the noise ordinance, one for not using a child restraint, one for stopping or parking in the roadway, two for a revoked driver's license, two for improper equipment and one for no proof of insurance.

Daily activity highlights were as follows:
MONDAY, MARCH 24 – Disturbance (crowd) reported at 720 E. Davis St. (7:48 p.m.).
TUESDAY, MARCH 25 – Two-vehicle wreck reported at the intersection of Hwy. 84 and Hwy. 87 S. (11:35 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the wreck at Hwy. 84 and 87 (11:40 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to the wreck at Hwy. 84

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EDITORIAL

Shuffling Through Our Files...

(News Taken From Past Editions of The Elba Clipper)

10 Years Ago

• **James appoints disaster recovery task force** - A special task force was recently appointed by Gov. Fob James to deal with the recovery from the recent floods in Elba and South Alabama. The Governor's Disaster Recovery Task Force is comprised of state, county and local officials, as well as several citizens of Elba. It is headed by Alabama Emergency Management Agency (AEMA) Director Lee Helms.

• **Officials: Buy-out lengthy, not likely** - A room full of Elba citizens gathered in the Elba High School auditorium last Friday night with representatives of FEMA, SBA, the Alabama legislature, Elba city officials and others in hope of getting answers to the many questions which have remained unanswered since the March 8th Elba flood. Many of the questions centered around the possibility of a federal buy-out of homes and businesses which have faced repetitive flooding.

20 Years Ago

• **Federal courts give final approval to redistricting plan for New Brockton** - The City of New Brockton received final approval of its redistricting plan last week in federal court and Mayor Jim Driskell reports that everything is on "ice" for the upcoming city elections in August. New Brockton, as were other cities across the state, was forced to abandon its "at-large" method of electing council members after a federal judge ruled that the method diluted black voting strength and city officials had worked hard attempting to draw a district map that would be acceptable to the federal courts.

• **Elba's Own Bob Inman is Outstanding Author** - Robert (Bob) Inman, a native of Elba,

and son of Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Inman, has been chosen as Outstanding Non-fiction author for 1987 by the Alabama Library Association. Inman is anchor for WFTV in Charlotte, N.C. His first novel, "Home Fires Burning," will appear as a Hallmark Hall of Fame presentation in December, 1988.

30 Years Ago

• **DeVane Retires From Local Dorsey Plan** - Alva DeVane is received congratulations and a gold watch upon his retirement from Dorsey Trailers on Friday, March 31, after having worked with the company for 36 years. Alva has held many positions with Dorsey through the years, but for the past several years he has held the position of Chief Timekeeper.

• **Jack Smith has returned to Ft. Worth, Texas** to resume his studies at Southwestern Baptist Seminary, after spending 10 days with his mother, Margaret B. Smith. Jack will complete his studies at the seminary in May.

40 Years Ago

• **Summer School To Operate in Elba** - The Elba City Board of Education will offer a six week summer school session to all students beginning June 10, according to Superintendent Elmer Taylor. Summer school is a special education enrichment program for which Federal Funds are available. Normal free choice desegregation procedures will not be applied to this program. The summer school hours will be from eight until eleven fifteen each day Monday through Friday.

• **Draft Call To Get 924 In Alabama** - State Director Hugh

J. Caldwell, Jr., said that Alabama's April Induction call will be for 924 registrants, compared to 803 for March, a hike for the second straight month. Alabama's 1988 calls thus far have included: January 745, February 480, March 803; and April 924. Nationally, the April call is for 48,000 men, compared to 39,000 in March. For the first time in many months, Selective Service will draft for the U.S. Marines - with 4,000 of the inductees scheduled for Leatherneck service.

50 Years Ago

• **Paul Morrow of the University of Alabama** spent last weekend with his parents,

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Morrow. • **Soldiers From Here Meet In Germany** - It's a long distance from Elba to Neubuck, Germany, but that's the distance two local men went to have a chance of meeting. Sgt. Harry Hurd, of Jack, wrote recently to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hurd of Jack, "I met a boy the other day and I said, 'Don't I know you?' and he said: 'I guess you saw me around Elba.' It was a Stokes boy from Samson but who had stayed in Elba. His wife is from Florida. The letter said they would return to the United States in July, next year.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor, Family and Friends,

As many of you know Neil was in a horrible car accident in Troy on February 26, 2008. We wanted to give you an update on Neil - Hip, Hip Hoora!!! He continues to make steady progress and we are so very encouraged. He is still in SICU at Baptist South in Montgomery.

Neil has a trach (temporary) and is still on the ventilator. The doctor is so very pleased with Neil's progress. All of the medical staff is amazed and excited about Neil's progress.

The miracles began immediately for Neil as the accident happened and have continued. Your prayers and support have sustained Neil and all of us. When we see the doctors and nurses they always smile at us. Miracles abound for Neil and for many of the other patients we have met since being here.

The plan is for Neil to move from Baptist South SICU to the Long Term Hospital at Jackson Hospital maybe by the time you read this. We have gone over there, talked with the folks and

were able to take pictures to show Neil.

As we understand this, he will still be on the ventilator. Once he is off the ventilator, he will be moved to the 6th floor. Neil will begin receiving physical therapy and occupational therapy as soon as he gets there. The doctor estimates Neil's stay at Jackson will be approximately two months.

We cannot tell you how much your love, support and prayers have meant to Neil and to all of us. There is no way we could have managed this without each of you. People here with us just shake their heads and smile and we are able to share our blessings with them. The community support you have graced us with is humbling and overwhelming. Thanks so very much from the bottom of our hearts.

Neil Grantham and his family

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Obituaries

Death notices updated regularly on our website at <www.elba-clipper.com>

GRACE BASS WILKERSON - Mrs. Grace Bass Wilkerson, age 82, of Hwy. 125 in Elba, Ala. (Victoria and Wise Mill Community), died Tuesday, April 1, 2008, at her home.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, April 3, 2008, at 11 a.m., at Haw Hill Assembly of God Church with Reverend Shirley Ellis officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery with Sorrells Funeral Home of Enterprise directing. The body will be placed into the church one hour prior to the service. The family received friends at Haw Hill Church Wednesday evening, April 2, from 6 until 8 p.m. To sign a guest register, visit www.sorrellsfuneralhomes.com.

Mrs. Wilkerson was born November 24, 1925 in Coffee County, Ala. to the late Otis and Alva Lee Lawrence Bass. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Eugene R. Wilkerson; three brothers, Fletcher, Foster and

Floyd Bass; and two sisters, Gertrude Bass Sasser and Dorothy Bass Bell.

Survivors include her husband: Doyle R. Wilkerson; two daughters: Margarette White (Jim) and DeLoris Marsh (Stan), all of Elba; one brother: Fred Bass (Sadie), Winter Garden, Fla.; granddaughters: Lori Conley (Larry), Elba, Miranda Coggins (Lane), Raymore, Mo.; grandsons: Paul Marsh, Robertdale, Ala.; Hayes White (Donna), Elba, Randy White (Connie), Elba, Killian Wilkerson, Cummings, Ga.; great-grandsons: Jamie White, Joey White, Hunter White and Clay Conley, all of Elba; great-granddaughters: Milayna Coggins and Keagan White.

DEEDIE NEWBERRY POWE - Mrs. Deedie Newberry Powe, age 66, a resident of Prattville, Ala., died Tuesday, March 25, 2008.

Funeral services were held March 29, 2008 from the

Chapel of Prattville Memorial with Pastor Ed Henne officiating. Burial followed in Bethlehem Church Cemetery in Sellers, Ala., with Prattville Memorial Chapel directing.

Survivors include her husband: Winston J. Powe Jr.; two daughters: Tabitha (Jimmy) Smith and Carrie (Joey) Cauthen; one son: Skip (Susan) Powe; five grandchildren: Hunter Smith, Will Smith, Erin Powe, Laurel Powe and Josie Powe; and numerous other relatives.

To express an "online condolence," visit

www.prattvillememorial.com.

CECIL RAY HURD - Mr. Cecil Ray Hurd, age 86, of Troy, Ala., died Wednesday, March 19, 2008, at his home.

Funeral services were held March 21, 2008 from the Chapel of Dillard Funeral Home with Reverend Don Ash officiating. Burial followed in the Green Hills Memorial Park Cemetery with Dillard Funeral Home of Troy directing.

Survivors include one brother: Charles Hurd, Jack, Ala.; one sister: Dorothy Sheffield, Clattum, Ala.; and several nieces and nephews.

OTIS JACKSON - Mr. Otis Jackson, age 63, died Friday, March 21, 2008.

Funeral services were held March 28, 2008 at Coleman

Funeral Home Chapel, Enterprise, Ala., with Rev. Dennis Threats officiating. Burial followed with Coleman Funeral Home of Enterprise directing.

Mr. Jackson was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include his wife: Janice Jackson, Daleville, Ala.; six children: Daphney Harris (Dennis), Bloomington, Minn.; Otis Jackson Jr. (Sharon), Atlanta, Ga.; Yvette Jackson, Warner Robin, Ga.; Vhyllis Jackson, Gainesville, Fla.; Bristol Jackson, Warner Robin, Ga.; Nina Jackson; six step-children: Quanna Laurn (Paul), Sommer - Oreal (Bryant), Loeneta Occius, all of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; Antonio Baker, Defuniak, Fla.; Xavier Baker, Huntsville, Ala.; Larry Carter, Daleville, Ala.; three sisters: Barbara Jean Thomas (Michael), Centerville, Ga.; Rose Feldon (Tom), Warner Robin, Elizabeth, Penn.; Gary, three brothers: William Jackson, Binghamton, N.Y.; Eddie Jackson (Elaine), Long

Island, N.Y.; Clarence Jackson (Rose), Tampa, Fla.; mother-in-law: Hazel Terry, Daleville; and four sisters-in-law: Valerie (Fred), Barabara, Ft. Lauderdale, Patricia (Willie), and Vernice of Alabama.

EDDIE R. CARPENTER

Mrs. Eddie R. Carpenter, age 77, died Sunday, March 23, 2008.

Funeral services were held March 29, 2008 at Kirk's Funeral Home Chapel, Andalusia, Ala., with Rev. Willie Morris Daniels officiating. Burial followed with Coleman Funeral Home of Elba directing.

She was preceded in death by her husband: Clinton Carpenter; and four siblings: Willie Nelson Hill, John C. Hill, James Hill and Hollis Hill Jr.

Survivors include four sisters: Ethel Lee Green, Brantley, Ala.; Bernice (Charles) Salter, Pensacola, Fla.; Mollie (Charles) Thompson, Buffalo, New York.

Willie Mae Gray, Dallas, Texas; Rev. brother: David Hill, Pensacola, four sisters-in-law: Mildred Teague, Opp, Ala.; Earline Bradley, Atlanta, Ga.; Ruby Hill, Pensacola, Mary Hill, Buffalo, New York; and one brother-in-law: Lewis (Myrtice) Carpenter, Andalusia, Ala.

BILLY JOE HOLMES

Rev. Billy Joe Holmes, age 59, of Covington County, Ala., died Tuesday, March 18, 2008. Funeral services were held March 25, 2008 at Marshall-Hammond Funeral Home, Andalusia, Ala., with General Elder N.A. McDougall officiating. Burial followed in Lowe Cemetery with Marshall-Hammond Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife: Bettie Joe Denson-Holmes; five

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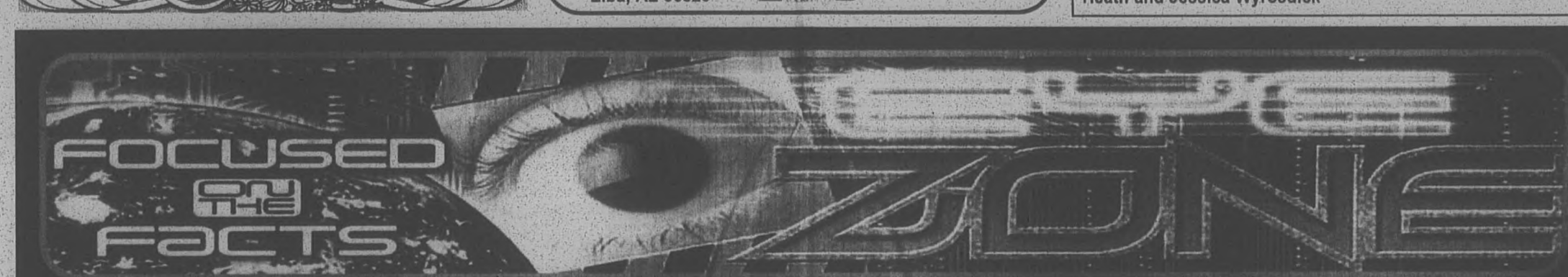
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Ralph Waldo Emerson to Walt Whitman
 July 21, 1855

When Walt Whitman received this letter from America's greatest man of letters praising his first published volume of poetry "Leaves of Grass," indicated the Herculean effort the thirty-six year old New Yorker had invested in its creation. Published at the halfway point in his life Whitman had, as Emerson astutely observed, "a long foreground somewhere."

Unlike most notable contemporary men of letters, including Longfellow, Emerson, and Thoreau, Walt never benefited from a classical university education. He was the son of a carpenter and finished his schooling at the age of eleven. After that he was self-taught (an autodidact).

Walt was born on Long Island on May 31, 1819, the second of nine children. When he was four, the family moved to Brooklyn, across the Hudson River from Manhattan. After leaving school, he worked as an office boy for a group of Brooklyn lawyers. Part of his compensation was a subscription to a circulating library. This marked the beginning of his self-education.

After a year he accepted a position as a printer's apprentice with a newspaper, giving the twelve year old an opportunity to launch his writing career. Five years later, the teenager was a journeyman printer who also wrote articles for the newspaper. In his spare time, he was a familiar figure in local libraries, voraciously devouring works covering his broad range of interests that included literature, history, geography, and theater.

At seventeen, Walt lost his job when two disastrous fires struck Brooklyn.

Next Week: All that Glitters...

Walt Whitman, 1855. Through Ohio Wesleyan University.

Through the Columbia University School of Journalism

Each year, prizes are awarded to newspaper reporters for outstanding work in investigative reporting, feature writing, international reporting and other fields. The awards honor a man born on April 9, 1847 who became the publisher of the New York World, and the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. When he died in 1904, his will specified the creation of four journalism awards, four in letters and music, and one in education. Who is the man honored by these annual awards? Do you need to find the answer, or get more information?

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BEYOND OUR BORDERS



Cape Horn. Through Rutgers University Library.

The southernmost tip of North America is called Cape Horn. Only 400 miles north of Antarctica, sailing around the Cape is one of the world's most dangerous ocean voyages. Ships traveling from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific are greeted by mountainous waves that often make the passage from east to west almost impossible. Since its discovery in the early 1600's the waves and weather have defeated many ships, making the area a graveyard for hundreds of sailors.

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LIFESTYLES

Girl's Scouts getting ready for their upcoming Spring Event



Pictured (l to r) are: April Finedore, Shelby Adcock, Megan Sullivan, Tempest Parker

Senior Girl Scouts spent Friday afternoon at a local business looking over all the entertainment choices that the business offers. Mr. Aaron Pope had generously offered them the complimentary use of a tent and other decorative items for their upcoming Spring Event and they discovered that it was hard to make selections from all the possibilities.

These scouts are serving as chairmen of the annual party, which will honor eight graduating seniors. Jimmy Harrison will host the event at The Old South Inn on April 6th.

Senior Girl Scout Troop #300 enrolled 38 girls this year. Their leaders are Mrs. Robert Cannon, Mrs. Jack E. Brunson, Mrs. Bill Brunson, Mrs. Kenneth Calhoun and Mrs. Kenneth Strong.

The Republican Women of Coffee County plan meeting for April 16th

The Republican Women of Coffee County will hold their monthly meeting/luncheon on April 16th, 11AM to 1PM Social/Lunch/Program at Pot-Folks in Enterprise. This month's speakers will be Coffee County Revenue Commissioner Ronnie Burns. He is running for re-election and will address the issue of Annual Property reappraisal and Dr. Craig Schmittke from Dothan, a candidate for US Congress District 2. Everyone is welcome.

Call Jan White for reservations and info, 348-2451.

RWCC attends meeting in Montgomery

Ten members of the Republican Women of Coffee County attended the Alabama Federation of Republican Women's (AFRW) Legislative Days. The meeting is an annual 2 day event held in Montgomery. The members attended a workshop on Advocacy, "How to lobby your Legislators" and also a forum of candidates running for election this year.

Day 2 was spent at the Legislature, meeting the elected officials and discussing the issues before them during this session. The event concluded with a luncheon at the Blount Mansion which was recently donated to the State of Alabama. It was hosted by First Lady Patsy Riley.

6th Annual Boll Weevil 100" Bike Ride set for April 26

The Enterprise Lions Club announces the 6th Annual Boll Weevil 100" Bike Ride on Saturday, April 26, 2008. The ride takes place in the beautiful hills of Coffee County, Alabama. In conjunction with the bike ride, there will be a 5K Fun Run.

The Boll Weevil 100" Bike Ride features three divisions: a 25 mile ride, a Century 100K (62.5 miles) ride, and a challenging 100 mile ride. Starting time for all bicycle events will be 7:30 a.m. The Fun Run will start immediately after the bicycles are on their way.

All bicycle riders are encouraged to be present for registration on Friday, April 25th, from 4:00-8:00 p.m., at the Enterprise Civic Center. Hotels in Enterprise have rooms available, and the bicycle route may be driven the day before. Registration continues Saturday from 5:00-7:00 a.m., with a complimentary continental breakfast available.

All bicycle riders will receive medals; all participants will receive a commemorative t-shirt. For more information contact Mr. Chuck Seitz at (334) 347-9713 or visit the website at www.elliottelionsclub.com/bollweevil100

WORSHIP TIMES

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Miss Sally Ann Sievers and Mr. Stuart Bradley Bane

Miss Sievers and Mr. Bane to be united in marriage on Saturday, May 24th

Walter and Beth Sievers of Montgomery announce the engagement of their daughter, Sally Ann Sievers of Elba, to Stuart Bradley Bane of Elba, son of Stuart and Kimberly Bane of Elba.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Fred Powell of Clayhatchee, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Waters of Jacksons Gap, Dora Sievers of Montgomery and the late Mr. Robert Sievers of Wetumpka.

She graduated high school from Alabama Christian Academy and is a graduate of Auburn University where she was a member of Alpha Chi Omega Sorority and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Rehabilitation Services and Special Education.

The future bridegroom is the grandson of Mrs. Frances Bradshaw and the late Mr. Tim Bradshaw, and Mr. and Mrs. Foster Bane, all of Elba.

He is a graduate of Elba High School and attends Troy University where he is a member of the Troy Chapter Alabama Society of Professional Land Surveyors. He will obtain a Bachelor of Science degree in Surveying and Geomatics Science.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, May 24, 2008 at 4 p.m. at Ino Baptist Church in Kinston, Alabama.

A reception will follow in the family home. Family and friends are invited to attend.

Thirty-fifth Annual Honors Assembly scheduled at EOCC for April 15th

The public is invited to attend Enterprise-Orank Community College's thirty-fifth Annual Honors Assembly on Tuesday, April 15, at 9:00 a.m. on the Enterprise Campus in Lurleen B. Wallace Student Center. Many Wiregrass Area students ranking freshman and sophomore more will receive recognition for their outstanding scholastic achievements. Scholarships will be awarded by four-year colleges and universities. In addition, the President's Cup will be presented to EOCC's Most Outstanding Student. This is EOCC's highest honor. The winner of the President's Cup also receives the James Browning Allen Outstanding Student Award.

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Morn. Worship - 10:30 a.m.
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Wed. Prayer Meeting - 6:30 p.m.

CHURCH & AREA NEWS

Revival Services set for April 7-9 at First Baptist Church of Elba

Revival Services are scheduled at First Baptist Church, Elba at 7:00 P.M. on April 7-9, 2008.

Guest pastor will be Reverend Jim Tate, pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Brantley, AL.

There will be special music each night. Nursery services will be provided.

Winners listed in the **Lad Division** (this is the younger boys) left to right: Terry Perry, Gabe Danford, Austin Reeves, Lakely Moss, Trevor Phillips.

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Gospel Sing planned at Basin Baptist Church for Sunday, April 6th

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Round & About With Eria

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SCRIPTURE: Psalm 23

THINKING OF YOU, PRAYING FOR YOU: Faye Manning, Men and Women in the Armed Forces, Lynsey Manning

APRIL BIRTHDAYS AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: Willie Fred Culver, April 1 (In Memory Of), Emmett and Debbie Bright, April 3 (Wedding Anniversary), John Nelson, April 9, L.V. and Effie Johnson, April 16 (Wedding Anniversary)

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2008 Alabama Book Festival promises fun for all readers

Join fellow book lovers for the third annual Alabama Book Festival on Saturday, April 19 at Old Alabama Town in Montgomery and meet and hear from more than seventy nationally recognized writers and artists. From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. the free event will showcase readings, book signings, children's activities and exhibitions from numerous literary and literacy organizations.

Featured writers and artists include Pulitzer Prize-winners Natasha Trethewey, whose works include Native Guard, and Rick Bragg, whose new book The Prince of Frog Town will debut this spring. Acclaimed fiction writers Cassandra King (Queen of Broken Hearts), Ace Atkins (Wicked South), syndicated columnist Rheta Grimley Johnson (Poor Man's Providence), historian Stephen Fox (Wolf of the Deep, Raphael Semmes and the Notorious Confederate Raider CSS Alabama), award-winning children's writer Deborah Wiles (The Aurora County All-Stars), and many others will appear on the stages of the festival.

Check the festival's Web site for a list of the festival's featured writers and presenters.

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SCHOOLS

Student Spotlight

by Megan Sullivan



This week **Tempest Jara Parker** is being recognized as the student spotlight.

Tempest is the daughter of Billy and Christina Parker. When asked about her hobbies, Tempest said, "I like talking on the phone, shopping, cooking and hanging out with my family and friends."

Tempest is a junior at Elba High School where she is involved in the marching and concert bands, Key Club, FCLA, Red Circle, FBIA and Girl Scout Troop #300. She describes herself as goofy and outgoing.

Any way the spotlight shines, Tempest is a great student at EHS.

UPCOMING GAMES & MATCHES

Baseball Games

- April 7 - (Varsity) Elba vs. Staughton (Away)
- April 10 - (Varsity) Elba vs. Pike County (Away)
- April 11 - (Varsity) Elba vs. Highland Home (Home)

Softball Games

- April 7 - Elba vs. Kinston (Away)
- April 8 - Elba vs. Brantley (Home)

Golf Matches

- April 8: 8:00 @ Tartan Pines (Enterprise)
- April 10: 1:00 @ Elba (New Brockton, Andalusia, and Troy)



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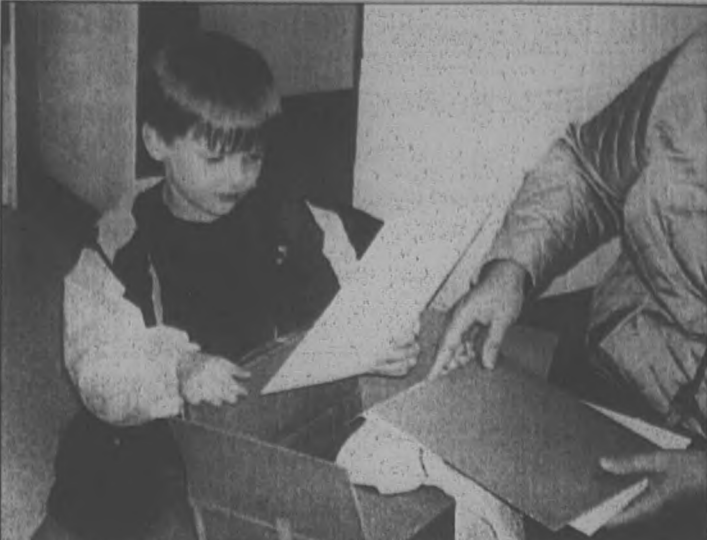
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Tiger Tales

Editors:
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Kelly Corder



Elba Elementary School kindergartener Creed Hawthorne

EES kindergartener enjoys active life despite diabetes

by Kelly Corder

Ever thought about being diagnosed with diabetes at the young age of 4? Creed Hawthorne, the son of Brandy and Randy Hawthorne, is a kindergartener at Elba Elementary School (EES) that has to live with this disability for the remainder of his life.

Starla Amison, the EES nurse, is sad to see such a young child dealing with diabetes. However, she said Creed is a very normal 5-year-old and is very active.

Amison also said he does extremely well with the multiple finger sticks for blood sugar checks and multiple injections of insulin during his normal day at school.

Nurse Amison talks to Creed about his hero, Tony Hawk.

"Tony consumes most of our conversations because Creed has had the Tony Hawk

Playstation game for quite some time," Nurse Amison said.

"Creed tells me often about new jumps and tricks he was able to do while playing the game."

Creed told Nurse Amison he has decided when he grows up that he wants to be a professional skateboarder and live with Tony Hawk in California.

Amison said she emailed the Tony Hawk Fan Club and told them about Creed and his disability. Lenore Hawk, Tony Hawk's sister and director for the fan club, replied to the story about Creed.

Hawk sent Creed an autographed picture, as well as a t-shirt from Tony. Also, if Tony is ever around the Elba area, Ms. Hawk said Creed will get to meet him.

The story about Creed touched Lenore, and she said people like Nurse Amison are what makes school systems so special.

Creed, his mother, father and brother Hayden have also purchased tickets to go to Six Flags over Georgia where Tony will be performing. Creed hopes to be able to meet his "American Idol" up close and personal.

Announcements & Events:

- 2007 Yearbooks are on sale for \$45. Contact the journalism staff at EHS for more information.
- 2008 Yearbooks are on sale for \$40 for the next 2 weeks. Contact the journalism staff at EHS for more information.

- **Elba Hoodies and T-shirts** are available. Long-sleeve T-shirts are \$12 and \$13 and Hoodies are \$20, \$21, and \$22. Contact the journalism staff.

Upcoming Events

- April 14-18, Spring Break
- April 23, EES Progress Reports go home
- April 25, Field Day at EES
- April 29, Muffins for moms/ Doughnuts for dad at EES

Students travel to ASF to see play

by Erica Daniels

On Wednesday, March 20, seniors, along with a few juniors, traveled to the Alabama Shakespeare Festival (ASF) in Montgomery.

The students had balcony seats for the production of *The Count of Monte Cristo*. The play was very interesting, although the audience had to pay close attention to know what was going on.

The directors set the play during the Romantic period during the Napoleonic War. The play started off as a flashback while Monte Cristo was a simple sailor in jail. Later, he got out and sought revenge on those who had unjustly placed him there.

It was disguised as the Count that he sought his revenge. Some students had numerous opinions.

Kim Cooks said, "It was a good and interesting play."

Erica Daniels added, "I loved the play, and there was some very awesome scenery and scenes that took place."

A trip to the Eastdale Mall for lunch and shopping finished off a great trip.

Elba alumnus speaks to students about "choices"

by Erica Daniels



JD Cook, a 2001 graduate of Elba High School, returned to the school last Thursday, March 27, to speak to current Elba High School students regarding the "choices" they make as teenagers. Cook shared his story of drug addiction and recovery with the students during the assembly held in conjunction with the annual Jr./Sr. Prom (Saturday, March 29).

JD Cook was the guest speaker for an assembly held Thursday, March 27, in the Elba High School auditorium for students in grades 9-12.

The topic of the program was "Choices," and the choices a person makes as a teenager can have life-long effects on them and those who love them.

JD's story is about how choosing to do drugs as a teenager propelled him into a life of depression and despair. Making poor choices as a young teen, he said he became a drug addict. As a result, JD almost lost his life in April 2006 when he overdosed on prescription drugs.

Since then, through his strong faith and hard work, JD is a recovering addict. He currently resides in Birmingham where he works, attends Jeff State Community College and is very active in his church, The Church of the Highlands.

JD is the son of Jimmy Cook and Lynn Weeks and is a 2001 graduate of Elba High School. He said he was very excited about coming home to speak to EHS students and sharing his amazing story.



2007-2008 VARSITY BASEBALL TEAM (by Maise Thomas). This year's 2007-2008 Varsity Baseball members include: (back row, left to right) Coach Bucklew, Ryan Pope, D.J. McKee, Dylan McCollough, Kyle Pope, Kevin Allen, Michael Spurlin, Richard Cooks, Justin Mallory, Coach Peacock and Justin Pope; (front row, left to right) Sandarius Reed, Jantzen Flowers, Andrew Head, Devin Jackson, Don Rhodes, Garrett Kyser, Colton Vaughn, Brock Lambert and Bradley Wilson.

CoOp Spotlight

by Karen Huckabaa



This week's Co-op spotlight is **Kandace Latrice Smith**, the 17-year-old daughter of J.C. Smith.

Kandace is currently employed at Dairy Queen, where she has been a cashier since September 2007. After graduation Kandace plans to attend a college of her choice and major in criminal justice.

Kandace enjoys shopping and hanging out with friends.



Varsity Softball Players (back row, left to right) Lindsey Carney, Sarah Bane, Cortnee Driggers and Bethany Wilson; (front row, left to right) Kayla Rials, Molly McGuire, Ashley Carpenter and Shamba Jones. Not Pictured: April Finedore, Chessie Cross, Brandy Caldwell and Kayla Miller.



Junior Varsity Baseball Players (back row, left to right) Coach Jacobs, Gunnar McCollough, Jon Ashley Amison, Chase Sauls, Jantzen Flowers, Sandarius Reed, Michael Lindsey and Coach Rials; (front row, left to right) Hayes Spicer, Dylan Seay, Jake Carney, Ryan Marler, Austin Johnson, Bo Wiggins, Ashton Seann and Jordan McDaniel.



Junior Varsity Softball Players (back row, left to right) Tiffany Bradshaw, Isabel Carpenter, Sarah Bane, Bethany Wilson, Caroline Marler and Mandy Mallory; (front row, left to right) Erica Edwards, Aaliyah Horstead, Aspen Foshee, Katelyn Calhoun and Hannah Morgan.

SCHOOLS

Focus on Faculty

(Third Grade Teachers)

by Carolyn Becker
and Cera Adkins

Mrs. Kristy Jones
When is your birthday? May 1st
How long have you been teaching? 7 years

What do you think about Zion Chapel? I love Zion Chapel! I feel so blessed and fortunate to be able to work with such a great faculty and great students.

What is your favorite thing about teaching? I love being able to work with children! It is so exciting to see their faces light up when they finally reach the goals that they have set for themselves.

What are your hobbies? Shopping, attending Troy football games, playing with my daughter, spending time with my family and friends.

What clubs/organizations are you involved in? Troy Jr. Women's league.

What is your biggest achievement? My family - I have a wonderful husband, Jason, and we have a beautiful, sweet little girl, Hudson.

Do you have any children? If so, how many? One daughter, Hudson.

What colleges did you attend? Alabama Southern Community College, Troy (State) University.

Auburn or Alabama? Neither - GO TROJANS!!!!

Mrs. Beverly McCall
When is your birthday? January 9th

How long have you been teaching? I have taught for 18 years.

What do you think about Zion Chapel? I think Zion Chapel is a great school.

What are your favorite things about teaching? My favorite thing about teaching is when a student understands something I have taught them.

What colleges did you attend? Troy State University.

Auburn or Alabama? Alabama!!! ROLL TIDE!!!!

Anything else interesting or unique that you'd like to share? I love teaching and look forward to it each day. I raise goats and sheep. I can whistle louder than most guys.

Editor's Note: Photos were not made available for this week's spotlight.

Rebels of the Month

March Rebels of the Month K-6

by Misti Miller, Chasidy Allen, and Kayla Crook

The March Rebels of the Month were nominated based upon academic excellence, classroom behavior, good character qualities, as well as many other things. The Rebels of the Month are: kindergarten student Debra Turman, age 6, the daughter of Michael and Jennifer Turman; first grader Brianna Marler, age 7, the daughter of Andy and Tammy Marler; second grader Zack Marler, age 8, the son of Lena Kerlin; third grader Leah Ash, age 9, the daughter of Donald and Pamela Ash; (fourth grade not listed); fifth grader Macy McIntosh, age 11, and the daughter of Roy Scott and Stephanie McIntosh; and sixth grader Jennie Allen, age 11, and the daughter of Shane and Amanda Allen.

March Rebels of the Month Grades 7-12

by Misti Miller, Chasidy Allen, and Kayla Crook

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Editor's Note: Photos were not made available for Rebels of the Month.

Seniors visit Alabama Shakespeare Festival

by Brittany Cardwell & Brittany Layton

had a great time, and they all enjoyed the play and their visit to the Shakespeare Festival.

On Feb. 27, the senior class from Zion Chapel went to the Alabama Shakespeare Festival. They saw the play, "The Count of Monte Cristo."

One of the senior class sponsors, Julie Norris, attended the festival with the seniors. They

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Zion Chapel School REBEL NEWS

Julie Norris, Sponsor

Sheena Hussey, Editor

Zion Chapel celebrates "Read Across America Day"

On Monday, March 3, students and teachers at Zion Chapel celebrated Read Across America Day.

This year Aubie and Big Al joined The Cat in helping students across Alabama celebrate the day we all know as Dr. Seuss's Birthday.

The students and teachers were read to by community leaders and story tellers.

Kindergarten and second graders are shown listening to a story teller during Zion Chapel's "Read Across America" program.

Some of the "reading" volunteers had their picture made by The Cat during the "Read Across America" event held each year in conjunction with Dr. Seuss' birthday.

Rebels participate in baseball tourney

The Zion Chapel baseball team participated in the Saturday, March 8, Pea River Valley Conference Tournament after a disappointing Friday night loss to Dale County. However, Saturday brought a new day and a new attitude to the Rebel baseball team.

The Rebels opened the tournament with an early morning match against New Brockton. Zack Stevens gave up three hits and struck out nine to lead ZC to a 4-0 win. While at the plate, Joey Jones and John Wayne Lambert both had two hits, while Matt Brunson and Chase Perkins each added one.

The Rebel's next match was against Arton. Winning this game meant a Tournament Championship.

Joe Davis took the mound for the Rebels and made the most of it, giving up 5 hits and striking out 10. The game was close with a score of 5-6 going into the last inning. Kendall Chapel had an RBI single that tied it up and Matt Brunson blasted a 2-run home run to take the lead. Joe Davis scored on a Jones double to give the Rebels some insurance. Davis put Arton threw a 3-up 3-down at the bottom of the 7th to end the contest and claim the championship. A late night loss to Sanson ruined the Rebels sweep of the tournament, despite a 3-0 lead earlier. Garrett Stinson hit a home run, and Chase Perkins added a triple.

The Rebels will host the Conference Tournament next season.

Attend the Church of Your Choice This & Every Sunday!

by Tiffany Bryan & Summer Parker

Upcoming events by Candice Allen

April 4: Cheerleading Try-outs

The National Security Group sponsors history trip for Zion Chapel students

by Cristen Patterson

A select group of history students, along with teachers Kimberly Braisted and Hanna Whitt, are going to the American Village at Montevallo, Ala. on April 21, 2008.

National Security volunteered to pay for the traveling expense

and, admission fees. The American Village is an interactive classroom where students will get to play the parts of revolutionary history. It's a model of a colonial village with actors playing the parts of famous historical people, such as George Washington.

Mrs. Braisted, Miss Whitt, and the students thank National Security for this once in a life time opportunity.

LBWCC financial aid director visits with ZC seniors

by Rod Rider & Tiffany Bryan

On Feb. 26, the director of financial aid at Lurleen B. Wallace Community College (McArthur campus), Wanda Bass, visited Zion Chapel seniors to help them with financial aid questions they had.

Bass answered questions about applying for the FAFSA and any questions that the students had about LBW if they were planning on attending the college. She gave the seniors packets with information about grants, scholarships, and loans that were available to them. She also offered information about tuition to local colleges and other fees to attend those colleges.

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Miss New Brockton pageants set for Saturday evening, April 5

The annual Miss New Brockton pageants will be held Saturday, April 5, at the New Brockton High School auditorium beginning at 6 p.m. Queens will be crowned in four divisions including: Future Little Miss New Brockton, Little Miss New Brockton, Junior Miss New Brockton and Miss New Brockton. The theme for this year's pageant is "A Star is Born."



2008 Future Little Miss New Brockton contestants include: (front row) Sloan Carter and Shelby Adkins; (back row) Sarah White and Brandi Hendrix; and (not pictured) Hailey Lindsey.



2008 Little Miss New Brockton contestants include: Christina Green, Bailey Hobbs and Malach Johnson.



2008 Junior Miss New Brockton contestants include: (front row) Chelsea Smith and Angel Miller; (back row) Malory Meissner, Kayla Farnon and Karstie Stanton.

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Business Session — 7 p.m.



Greater Vision, a nationally recognized gospel group, will entertain the crowd during this year's meeting. Local gospel group, Praises Four of Andalusia, will also entertain at the CEC Annual Meeting.

Coffee County Schools announce dates for kindergarten registration

Kindergarten registration for the Coffee County Schools will be conducted on the following dates: New Brockton Elementary School - Tuesday, April 22, 8 a.m. until 3 p.m.; Kinston School - Wednesday, April 23, 8 a.m. until 3 p.m.; and Zion Chapel School - Thursday, April 24, 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. Parents are reminded that children should attend registration prior to enrollment; an official birth certificate, a valid social security number, Certificates of Immunization for the State of Alabama, and Proof of residency.

Food scores available through ADPH website

The Alabama Department of Public Health now makes scores for the more than 23,000 restaurants and food service establishments throughout Alabama available to the public through the department's website, www.alabamafoodscores.com.

Users may search by county, city or establishment name. State Health Officer Dr. Donald Williamson said, "The inclusion of all recent inspection scores provides useful information for the general public so that they can make informed choices about where they purchase food and the restaurants where they eat. We anticipate this initiative may lessen the incidence of foodborne illnesses by encouraging our establishments to improve their food service sanitation practices."

State law requires any facility selling food to have a current food service permit that is issued by the local county health department. Food service establishments are generally required to be inspected a minimum of three times per year depending on the type of food being prepared. The average convenience store may be inspected once a year, again depending on the type of food sold there. Inspection reports and permits are required to be posted in conspicuous view within the establishment.

A numerical scoring system on a 100-point scale is used with points deducted for each violation. Establishments scoring between 85 and 100 are considered to be in satisfactory compliance and are inspected on routine schedule.

Establishments that score between 70 and 84 require a follow-up inspection within 60 days. Establishments scoring 60 - 69 require follow-up and reinspection within 48 hours. Scores below 60 result in immediate closure of the establishment.

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Two Coffee County schools attend Samun meeting at Troy University

by Brandi DeSandro

The South Alabama Model United Nations was held March 5th and 6th. Students from two Coffee County Schools, Zion Chapel and New Brockton, left Troy University with an experience that will last a lifetime.

36 countries were represented from schools within area districts. After deciding on a country, students worked hard for many months doing research to find a solution to a major problem facing their country.

Students composed a resolution addressing the problem and presented a solution. One 4 minute speech was composed to explain the country's issues and what is needed from the United Nations. A 1-minute speech was then written for a final plea for help on the issue.

Students were judged on their abilities of speech, asking questions, and answering questions. An award was given for the best male and female delegate speakers.

Leo Lozano representing The United States of America from New Brockton was awarded the 1st runner up in the Best Male Delegate Speaker Category. Amy McWaters representing Djibouti, Africa from Zion Chapel won 2nd runner-up as the Best Female Delegate Speaker.

Tanzania representing Zion Chapel won 1st place for the best resolution. "To end the Dangerous Child Labor Practices and Improve the Educational Opportunities for the Children of Tanzania." Third

place was awarded to Greece representing Zion Chapel. "A Resolution to Pass a Bill That Would Place Harsher Punishment and Fines on Human Traffickers in Greece."

The resolutions were judged by deciding which ones were best representative of the actual problems in their country and how they were proposed to be solved.

Keenan Rachel served as the representative for the United States of America on the United Nations Security Council. This allowed him to experience the voting on resolutions that were presented to the council to solve a conflict between three countries. Leo Lozano addressed the Security Council with a response from The United States of America about the issue that had taken place.

Students also researched costumes for their country. Decisions had to be made as to the expense and difficulty of the native dress. Costuming is a very important part of the competition. It is just as important as the speeches.

The United Nations are divided into Bloc Nations for this category. In the African Bloc, Tanzania received the award for 2nd runner-up, while in the Americas Bloc, The United States of America was awarded 1st runner-up.

New Brockton and Zion Chapel students had great time. They learned about world-wide problems and met many new friends.

Dr. Linda Ingram, Superintendent of Coffee

County Schools, and Dale Kelley, New Brockton Elementary School Principal traveled to Troy University to support the students. Both schools plan to expand the program for more students to have this type opportunity.



The country of Greece was represented by delegates from Zion Chapel Middle School. The delegate members were L-R: Brittany Mitchell (from New Brockton Elementary), Madalyn Ingram, Kelsey Fillingim, George Anna Andrews and Veronica Kidd. Greece was sponsored by Brandi DeSandro and Teresa Kidd and costuming was provided by Linda Ingram and Tonita Bentley.



The country of Djibouti, Africa was represented by Zion Chapel High School. The delegates are L-R: Huey Green, Zack Ward, Kyle Boswell, Ashleigh DeSandro, Amy McWaters and Mark Blietz. Djibouti was sponsored by Brandi DeSandro.



The country of Japan was represented by delegates from Zion Chapel Middle School. The delegate members were L-R: Heidi McLeod, Brooke Manning, Janice Allen, Whitney Rugg, and Blair Hendricks. Japan was sponsored by Vicki Jones.



The country of The United States of America was represented by delegates from New Brockton Elementary School. The delegate members were L-R: Garrett Moore, Tyler Hutchison, Cheyenne Strickland, Daisy Shilton, Keenan Rachel and Leo Lozano. The United States of America was sponsored by Brandi DeSandro and costuming provided by Gary and Jill Henderson, Darlene Moran, and Phyllis Perdue.



The country of Tanzania, Africa was represented by Zion Chapel Middle School. The delegate members were L-R: Cory Wise, Michael DeSandro, Hunter Know, Ashlyn Bentley, Caitlyn Napper, and Ashley Hankins. Tanzania was sponsored by Vicki Jones.



The country of Switzerland was represented by delegates from Zion Chapel Middle Schools. The delegate members were L-R: Sierra Parker, Heather Brunson, Kumonta Haynes, Heather Blietz, and Stephanie Williams. Switzerland was sponsored by Brandi DeSandro.

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SPORTS

Views from....

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Melanie came back from her recent weekend at the beach a little red on her arms and legs, but last weekend we went to a softball tournament in Straughn and both came home more than a little sun burned. Melanie was worried about her legs getting too much sun, while dear old Dad forgot to take a cap and got way too many rays on the top of my head where the hair isn't quite so thick anymore. Hey, I guess it just proves that summer may have finally arrived.

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH...

*** The Elba Tigers won one and lost one last week in baseball action as their record slipped to 6-11 on the season. The Tigers posted a big win early in the week over their arch-rivals from Zion Chapel, but then fell flat the next day and got clubbed by Geneva County with their best pitcher on the hill. The Tigers still have all their area games ahead and can still make a run into the state playoffs, but need to settle down and begin to play with a level of consistency if they are to be a contender and have any hopes at posting a winning record.

*** The Elba Lady Tigers won two games and lost three last week, but made a good showing in both the regular season win and the win at a tournament in Straughn. The Lady Tigers blanked Luverne 2-0 with Brandy Caldwell tossing a complete game shutout, while in the tourney the girls defeated Flomaton with five starters missing due to the prom. I don't believe losses ever teach a team anything. However, the losses last weekend weren't really losses and could spark the girls to many more wins as the season rolls along.

*** The Elba JV Tigers closed their baseball season last week with an 8-8 record, and are to be commended for their hard work and solid season. Back early in the season the coaches were mourning about the youth of the team and how they lacked many of the fundamentals of the game, but the youngsters just kept on working and proved to the coaches and fans they were indeed winners, despite the fact most of the players on the team were in the seventh grade. Good job guys, your hard work should lead to better days ahead for the Tigers on the diamond.

*** A look around the area finds action heating up in both baseball and softball. On the baseball field, the Zion Chapel Rebels had a big week as they played home-run derby in a sweep past Pleasant Home and claimed big area wins over Arton, while Kinston also posted a win over Arton and Brantley made some noise with a win over a very good Luverne Tiger team. New Brockton continued its late-season struggles, but did play well in a close loss to G.W. Long and may come back to life real soon. Over in softball, the Kinston Lady Bulldogs scored only one run in two games as they lost to Arton and Samson, while New Brockton got a much needed win over Brantley and Zion Chapel got back into action. The season is beginning to wind down and there is still plenty of ball left for the players and fans to enjoy.

*** Mobile was in the news as Coach Don Rhoades, former Alabama coach, Ronnie Cottrell and Kevin Miller both emerged as new high school head coaches. Cottrell, most recently the head coach at Carroll, was named to take over the reins at Alma Bryant, while Sigler took the head job at Blount. A little closer to home, New Brockton held interviews last week for its head football opening and is expected to name a new coach in a couple of weeks. Florida is also hunting for a new head coach, and the Wildcats have a lot of skilled players, making the job one that appears very interesting.

*** In closing... Just in case you wondered what the teams earn that make the NCAA tournament - each team that makes the field gets \$190,000 per game over a six-year period. That means a team that lost out in the opening round would earn a total of \$1,140,000 over the six years, with the conference determining just how the member schools would share the loot. The final two teams will make \$1,140,000 this year alone, and over the six-year span will make almost \$7 million. That is big bucks and makes it clear why the goal of all coaches and schools is to make the tourney.

High School SCHEDULES

** BASEBALL **

Thursday, April 3
Brantley at Opp (4:00)

Friday, April 4
Pike County at Elba (4:30)

Monday, April 7
Elba at Straughn (4:00)
McKenzie at Brantley DH (3:30)

** SOFTBALL **

Thursday, April 3
New Brockton at Elba DH (4:00)
Kinston at Enterprise JV-V (5:00)

Friday, April 4
Elba at Pike County (4:00)

Saturday, April 5
Elba, in Arton Tournament
Kinston, in Andalusia Tournament

Monday, April 7
Elba at Kinston (5:00)

Tuesday, April 8
Brantley at Elba (4:00)
Zion Chapel at Providence (4:00)
Kinston at Dothan (5:00)

Claim sixth win of season

Elba Tigers zap Zion Chapel 13-9

The Elba Tigers exploded for eight runs in their final two at-bats last Tuesday afternoon to claim a wild 13-9 win over the Zion Chapel Rebels, at Zion Chapel.

The Tigers came out ready to play against their cross-county rivals and grabbed a 2-0 lead in the top of the first inning. An error and a walk to the first two batters set the table for the meat of the Elba batting order, and the Tigers' hitters came through as Richard Cooks and Bradley Wilson both delivered key RBI singles.

Brook Lambert led off the second inning with a single, moved to second on a walk to Don Rhoades and then headed over to third as the Tigers loaded the bases with no outs after a single by Dylan McCollough. Lambert was forced out at the plate and the next batter struck out to leave the bases loaded with two outs.

However, Justin Mallory ripped a two-run single to up the Elba advantage to 4-0, and after a walk to Bradley Wilson, Colton Vaughan came through with a clutch two-run single as the Tigers moved ahead 6-0.

Zion Chapel combined three hits with two hit batters and one walk to tie the game at 6-6 in the bottom of the frame and cut the Elba lead to 6-5 after two innings. Garrett Stinson and Joe Davis both knocked in two runs with base hits, while Kendall Chappell led off the inning with a single.

Elba failed to score in its next two trips to the plate, but the Rebels added two runs in the bottom of the fourth to sneak ahead 7-6. A walk and an error opened the door for the Rebel rally, while Joey Jones knocked in a run with a sacrifice fly and Joe Davis singled in the go-ahead run.

Zion Chapel carried the 7-6 lead into the top of the sixth inning, but then saw Elba's bats come back to life as the Tigers scored five runs to regain the lead.

Elba Tigers fall hard to Geneva County 11-4

The Elba Tigers fell behind early and never recovered last Tuesday afternoon in an 11-4 loss to the Geneva County Bulldogs, in Elba.

Geneva County got off the base ready to score runs as the Bulldogs combined four hits with four Elba errors to jump out to an 8-0 lead in the top of the first inning. Four of the Bulldogs' first five batters got base hits, while the final six batters of the inning took advantage of three errors and one walk to put Geneva County in command early.

Elba didn't throw in the towel and responded in the bottom of the inning with two runs to cut the lead to 8-2. A one-out single by Don Rhoades sparked the early uprising, while two Bulldog errors and a sacrifice fly by Justin Mallory helped the Tigers get on the scoreboard.

Geneva County added a lone run in both the second and fifth innings to push their lead to 10-2, while Elba added a run in the bottom of the fifth on a single by Dylan McCollough and an RBI single by Justin Mallory.

The Tigers pulled within 10-4 in the sixth on an RBI double by Kyle Pope, but Geneva County added a run in its final trip to the plate and easily held on to hand the Tigers the 11-4 defeat.

Dylan McCollough had 2 hits and scored 1 run to lead Elba at the plate, while Don Rhoades added 1 hit and scored 1 run and Justin Mallory and Kyle Pope both added 1 hit. Don Rhoades was tagged with the loss on the mound as he pitched one inning and allowed 8 runs (4 earned runs) on 4 hits and one walk. Dylan McCollough and Kyle Pope saw action in relief and allowed only one earned run on one hit.

Samson 12 Elba 10 - The Elba JV Tigers failed to hold on to an easy lead in the second game of the Monday double-header and lost to Samson 12-10. Samson scored one run in both the first and second innings, while the Tigers plated 3 runs in both innings to grab an early 6-2



WAITING TO MAKE THE TAG... Elba Tiger shortstop Richard Cooks waits for an oncoming baserunner as he is ready to make the tag at second. The Tigers claimed a win over Zion Chapel last week, marking their fifth win over county foes this season.

(Mike Capps photo)

at 11-7. A leadoff double off the bat of Don Rhoades sparked the Tiger rally, while Richard Cooks, Bradley Wilson and Colton Vaughan all delivered RBI singles to lift the Tigers back on top.

The Rebels pulled within 11-8 in the bottom of the frame on a single by Matt Brunson and an RBI single by Joey Jones, but Elba was far from finished at the plate and added three runs in the top of the seventh to extend its lead to 14-8. A one-out single by Andrew Head sparked the late inning fireworks, while the Rebels hurt their own cause with three errors that led to all three unearned runs.

Zion Chapel's Justin Winters walked to open the bottom of the seventh and stole his way around the bases, but his run was not enough as the Tigers held on and surprised the eighth-ranked Rebels 14-9.

Dylan McCollough had 3 hits and scored 4 runs to lead Elba at the plate, while Richard Cooks added 2 hits and scored 2 runs. Garrett Stinson had 1 hit, scored 2 runs and knocked in 2 runs to lead Zion Chapel at the plate, while Joe Davis added 2 hits, Matt Brunson added 1 hit and scored 2 runs, Kendall Chappell added 1 hit and scored 1 run and Joey Jones added 1 hit.



ELBA JUNIOR VARSITY TIGERS

(Mike Capps photo)

Elba JV Tigers close season with 8-8 record

The Elba JV Tigers claimed two wins in three games last week and closed the baseball season with a final record of 8 wins and 8 losses.

Following are highlights of last week's action:

Elba 18 Samson 13 - The Elba JV Tigers pulled ahead early and held on late last Monday afternoon to outscore Samson 18-13, in Elba. The Tigers trailed 1-0 heading into the bottom of the first, but erased the early deficit as Hayes Spicer ripped a two-run triple and later scored on a passed ball to put Elba on top 3-1. Samson regained the lead at 6-3 in its second trip to the plate. However, Elba was again ready to run around the bases and saw 11 runners score the plate in the bottom of the inning as the Tigers moved ahead 15-6. Jantzen Flowers had a key bases-loaded double to spark the early Elba uprising, while Chace Sauls and Austin Johnson also added key hits as the Tigers broke loose and grabbed a big early lead. Elba added three runs in the third inning without the benefit of a hit as its lead went to 18-6, and the Tigers survived a six-run Samson outburst in the fourth to hold on and claim the wild 18-13 win. Chace Sauls had 3 hits and scored 2 runs to lead Elba at the plate, while Hayes Spicer added 2 hits, scored 3 runs and knocked in 3 runs. Jantzen Flowers added 2 hits and scored 3 runs and Austin Johnson and Jordan McDaniel both added 1 hit and scored 2 runs.

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advantage. Chace Sauls and JonAshley Amison had key hits to ignite the first inning fireworks, while Hayes Spicer delivered a bases-loaded triple in the second inning as Elba extended its early lead. Samson broke loose for six runs in the top of the third to grab an 8-6 lead, and added three more runs in the fourth to up their lead to 11-6. Elba rallied in their half of the fourth and used consecutive hits by Jantzen Flowers, Gunnar McCollough, Hayes Spicer and Chace Sauls to plate four runs and cut the Samson lead to 11-10. Samson scored once in the fifth to take a 12-10 lead, and Elba failed to score in its final at-bat as the Tigers suffered the 12-10 defeat. Hayes Spicer had 2 hits, scored 1 run and knocked in 4 runs to lead Elba at the plate, while Jantzen Flowers and Gunnar McCollough both added 2 hits and scored 3 runs, and Chace Sauls added 2 hits, scored 1 run and knocked in 1 hit and collected 1 RBI.

Elba 9 Geneva County 6 - The Elba JV Tigers closed their season last Tuesday afternoon with a 9-6 win over the Geneva County Bulldogs, in Elba. Hayes

Spicer blasted an RBI triple and later scored on a passed ball to help the Tigers grab a 2-0 first inning advantage, while in the second inning both teams scored one run, with the Tigers' run coming on a leadoff single by Austin Johnson and an RBI single by Sandarius Reed. Elba blanked the Bulldogs over the next two innings, but scored three runs of its own in both trips to the plate to open up a 9-1 lead. Chace Sauls had an RBI double to highlight the three-run rally in the third, while in the fourth inning Sandarius Reed added 2 hits and scored 2 runs and Harry White blasted a solo home-run to triple to spark the rally and Jantzen Flowers and Gunnar McCollough both delivered RBI hits. Geneva County staged a wild rally in its final at-bat and plated five runs to cut the Elba lead to 9-6, but the Tigers held on and closed the season with the 9-6 win. Hayes Spicer had 2 hits, scored 2 runs and knocked in 2 runs to lead Elba at the plate, while Sandarius Reed added 2 hits and scored 1 run and Gunnar McCollough added 1 hit and scored 3 runs. Jantzen Flowers, Chace Sauls and Austin Johnson all added 1 hit, scored 1 run and collected 1 RBI, while Michael Lindsey also added 1 hit.

Rhoades had 1 hit and scored 2 runs; Michael Spurlin and Brock Lambert both added 1 hit. Justin Mallory pitched two innings and allowed 3 runs on 1 hit, 3 walks and 1 hit batter, while Richard Cooks got the win as he pitched six innings and allowed 6 runs on 5 hits, 2 walks and 2 hit batters, and struck out six.

Garrett Stinson had 1 hit, scored 2 runs and knocked in 2 runs to lead Zion Chapel at the plate, while Joe Davis added 2 hits, Matt Brunson added 1 hit and scored 2 runs, Kendall Chappell added 1 hit and scored 1 run and Joey Jones added 1 hit.

SPORTS

Surprise Flomaton

Lady Tigers win one at Straughn tournament

The Elba Lady Tigers competed in the Kristen L. Qean Memorial Softball Tournament last weekend at Straughn High School and posted one win in three games as their record moved to 3-4 on the season.

Following are highlights of the tournament action:

Elba 6 Flomaton 5 - The Elba Lady Tigers pushed across two runs in the bottom of the seventh inning to surprise the Flomaton Lady Hurricanes 6-5, in their opening game in the six-team tournament. Elba used a triple by Molly McGuire and an RBI triple by Molly McGuire to grab a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning, only to see Flomaton plate lone runs in both the second and third innings as the Lady Hurricanes moved on to 2-1. The Lady Tigers pulled even at 2-2 in the fourth on a single by Kala Riels to put Elba back on top, while Riels later scored on a triple by Lindsey Carmley as the Lady Tigers evened their record at 2-2.

(Mike Capps photo)

WINNING FORM... Elba Lady Tiger pitcher Brandy Caldwell shows the form that helped her post a 2-0 shutout last week over Luverne. Caldwell tossed a two-hitter as the Lady Tigers evened their record at 2-2.

For 2nd win

Lady Tigers blank Luverne 2-0

The Elba Lady Tigers hosted Luverne last Tuesday afternoon and evened their record at 2-2 on the season by posting an exciting 2-0 win.

Both teams stranded three runners on base over the first three innings. However, the Lady Tigers did plate two runs in the third inning to grab a 2-0 advantage. Kala Riels reached on a walk and raced to third on a double off the bat of Chessie Cross, and both runners later scored when Molly McGuire delivered a key one-out double.

Elba sent only ten batters to the plate over its final three at-bats, but made the slim 2-0 lead hold up as Luverne managed only one hit over the final four innings and never managed to get on the scoreboard.

Molly McGuire had 1 hit and knocked in 2 runs to lead Elba at the plate, while Toshamba Jones, Brandy Caldwell and Chessie Cross all added 1 hit. Brandy Caldwell got the win inside the circle as she pitched a two-hit shutout with 8 strikeouts.

Zion Chapel, Brantley and Kinston ranked in state polls

The Alabama Sports Writers Association released its weekly high school baseball and softball standings last week and included among the "Top 10" in the various classes were a number of area teams.

In baseball, Brantley was ranked 4th and Zion Chapel 7th in Class 1A; G.W. Long was ranked 3rd and Wicksburg 8th in Class 2A; Headland was ranked

6th and Slocumb 7th in Class 3A; and Charles Henderson was ranked 3rd in Class 5A.

In softball, Pleasant Home was ranked 1st and Kinston 6th in Class 1A; Samson was ranked 8th in Class 2A; Andalusia was ranked 9th in Class 4A; Rehobeth was ranked 2nd and Eufaula 9th in Class 5A; and Northview was ranked 9th and Dothan 10th in Class 6A.

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the top of the seventh to move back on top 5-4, but the Lady Tigers rallied again and scored two runs in the bottom of the frame to pull out the win. Mandi Mallory was hit by a pitch to open the inning to give Elba a baserunner and later scored on a one-out single by Bethany Wilson, while Kala Riels reached on a fielder's choice and scored on a triple by Lindsey Carmley to give the Lady Tigers the 6-5 win. Bethany Wilson had 3 hits, including 2 triples, and scored 2 runs to lead Elba at the plate, while Lindsey Carmley added 2 triples and knocked in 2 runs. Kala Riels added 2 hits and scored 2 runs, and Molly McGuire, Kayla Miller, Sarah Bane and Aliyah Horstead added 1 hit. Lindsey Carmley got the win inside the circle as she pitched seven innings and allowed 5 runs (4 earned runs) on 4 hits, 4 walks and 2 hit batters, and struck out 5 batters.

Pleasant Home 8 Elba 3 - The Elba Lady Tigers fell behind early and never caught up in an 8-3 loss to top-ranked Pleasant Home. Pleasant Home combined one hit with one error, one walk and one hit batter to take a 3-0 lead in the top of the

first inning. However, the Lady Tigers were also ready to run and plated two runs in their half of the inning to cut the lead to 3-2. Bethany Wilson drew a lead-off walk and moved to second on a sacrifice bunt by Kala Riels to spark the early uprising, while Lindsey Carmley reached on a fielder's choice and both runners raced home on a two-run single by Molly McGuire. Pleasant Home added four runs on only one hit over its next three at-bats to move ahead 7-2, while Elba scored only once in the next five innings, with the run coming in the bottom of the sixth when Cornee Driggers walked and later scored on an RBI double by Bethany Wilson to put the Lady Tigers ahead 4-3 in the top of the ninth, but Brantley pushed across two runs in its half of the inning to take the win 5-4. Lindsey Carmley ripped 3 doubles, scored 1 run and knocked in 1 run to lead Elba at the plate, while Bethany Wilson added 3 hits, scored 1 run and knocked in 1 run. Sarah Bane added 1 hit and scored 1 run and Molly McGuire and Katelyn Calhoun both added 1 hit. Lindsey Carmley was tagged with the loss inside the circle as she allowed 5 runs (2 earned runs) on 4 hits, 3 walks and 3 hit batters.

Brantley 5 Elba 4 - The Elba Lady Tigers were eliminated from the tournament after a wild

High School SPORTS SPOTLIGHT

*** BASEBALL ***

Gamecocks fall 16-4

The New Brockton Gamecocks saw their losing streak reach six games last Monday afternoon with a 16-4 loss to Arton. Nathan Foster had an RBI double and scored one run to lead the Gamecocks at the plate, while Shane Addison added 2 RBIs and Nick Stephenson and Hayden Smith both scored 1 run.

Kinston gets 9-8 win

The Kinston Bulldogs scored two runs in the bottom of the eleventh inning to slip past the Arton Purple Cats 9-8, last Tuesday afternoon in a key contest. Gunter Davis got the win on the mound as he pitched four innings in relief of Matt Whigham, while at the plate Whigham, Nick Weeks and John Moss led the Bulldogs with 2 hits apiece. Dylan Mock added a three-run homer for Kinston and A.J. Johnson knocked in the tying run in the eleventh.

Rebels roll 11-1

The Zion Chapel Rebels made it look easy last Tuesday afternoon with an 11-1 romp past the McKenzie Tigers. Matt Brunson had 3 hits and scored 2 runs to lead the Rebels at the plate, while Garrett Stinson and Justin Winters both added 2 hits and scored 2 runs and Harry White blasted a solo home-run to triple to spark the rally and Jantzen Flowers and Gunnar McCollough both delivered RBI hits. Geneva County staged a wild rally in its final at-bat and plated five runs to cut the Elba lead to 9-6, but the Tigers held on and closed the season with the 9-6 win. Hayes Spicer had 2 hits, scored 2 runs and knocked in 2 runs to lead Elba at the plate, while Sandarius Reed added 2 hits and scored 1 run and Gunnar McCollough added 1 hit and scored 3 runs. Jantzen Flowers, Chace Sauls and Austin Johnson all added 1 hit, scored 1 run and collected 1 RBI, while Michael Lindsey also added 1 hit.

Gamecocks fall 3-2

The New Brockton Gamecocks battled until the final out Thursday afternoon in a 3-2 area loss to the G.W. Long Rebels. Zach Payne hit an RBI single in the seventh inning to lift the (19-4) Rebels to the win over the (9-8) Gamecocks.

Z.C. wins 13-3, 5-3 - The Zion Chapel Rebels pulled out the heavy timber Thursday afternoon as they ripped five home runs in a double-header sweep over the Pleasant Home Eagles by the scores of 13-3 and 5-3. All five



SWINGING BIG BATS... Seniors at Zion Chapel have made big news recently with multiple home-run games. Pictured above are (l-r) Kasey Grantham, Chase Perkins, Joey Jones, Harry White, Logan Carley and John Wayne Lambert.

(Mike Capps photo)

homers came in the opening win as Zach Stephens belted a grand-slam and a three-run homer. Joe Davis added a two-run homer and Kasey Grantham and Harry White both added solo shots. Garrett Stinson had 2 hits and knocked in 2 runs and Matt Brunson added an RBI single. Joe Davis was the winning pitcher as he allowed only two runs and five hits in four innings. In the second game, Matt Brunson had two hits, including a solo home-run, while Joey Jones added a double. Harry White was the winning pitcher as he tossed six innings and allowed six hits and no earned runs.

Bulldogs caged 8-2

The Kinston Bulldogs lost to the Providence Christian Eagles 8-2, Thursday afternoon in high school baseball action. Brian Lassiter, A.J. Johnson, Gunter Davis all had 2 hits to lead Kinston, while John Moss belted a home-run. Nick Plagenhoef struck out 13 batters to get the win for the Eagles. Brantley posts 11-10 win - Devontae Porter scored the winning run on a passed ball to lift the Brantley Bulldogs to a

Rebels claim 15-10 win

The Zion Chapel Rebels banged out 16 hits, including 15 singles, in a wild 15-10 win over the Arton Purple Cats, Saturday in area baseball action. Matt Brunson and Joey Jones had 3 hits each to lead the rebels, while Zach Stephens, John Wayne Lambert and Kendall Chappell all added 2 hits. Zach Stephens was the winning pitcher and Joe Davis earned a save as he pitched the final three innings.

*** SOFTBALL ***

New Brockton wins 9-6

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks held off a late Brantley rally to down the Lady Bulldogs 9-6 to snap a six-game losing streak, last Monday afternoon in New Brockton. Shay carpenter had 2 hits and scored 2 runs to lead the Lady Gamecocks at the plate, while Sara White added 1 hit and scored 2 runs and Kurstie Stanton got the win inside the circle with a complete game performance.

Lady Bulldogs fall 1-0

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs managed only two hits last Tuesday afternoon in a 1-0 loss to the Arton Lady Cats. Kinston's Sara Mock was the losing pitcher despite tossing a two-hitter, while Arton's Lexi Phillips was the winning pitcher with 10 strikeouts.

Lady Gamecocks fall 16-0 - The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks were never in the game last Tuesday afternoon in a 16-0 loss to the Samson Lady Tigers. Whitney Weeks and Kim Baldwin combined on a two-hitter, with Weeks getting the win as she struck out 10 batters in four innings of work. Yonna Bane and Weeks both had 3 hits to lead Samson at the plate.

Kinston edged out 2-1

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs saw their record slip to 4-7 Thursday afternoon with a 2-1 loss to Samson, in eight innings. Whitney Weeks tossed a two-hitter and struck out 18 batters to get the win inside the circle, while Kaylee Clark had 2 hits for Samson. Tasha Jones had an RBI single for the Lady Bulldogs and Amber Smith added a single.

*** GOLF ***

The Elba Tigers and New Brockton Gamecocks both claimed their first wins of the season last Monday afternoon at a tri-match held at Tartan Pines Country Club, in Enterprise. The Gamecocks won the match with a 288 score for the top three golfers, followed by Elba 337 and Stanton got the win inside the circle with a complete game performance. Lady Bulldogs fall 1-0 - The Kinston Lady Bulldogs managed only two hits last Tuesday afternoon in a 1-0 loss to the Arton Lady Cats. Kinston's Sara Mock was the losing pitcher despite tossing a two-hitter, while Arton's Lexi Phillips was the winning pitcher with 10 strikeouts.

DANIELS

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Now, the Daniels are looking forward to retirement. The couple said they are at the age where they need to retire, and it is something they have been thinking about for a while. They also said they both are looking

forward to getting out and working in the yard and receiving some much needed "time off."

Mr. Daniels added that maybe things will work out for someone else to buy and operate the service station. But, he said if they don't that will be fine too.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniels said their customers have been fabulous throughout the years, and it has been great to see several generations of customers come through their door.

The Daniels said they will miss their customers, and they appreciate the nearly 50 years of continued support for their business.

Elba Chamber of Commerce hosts Legislative Breakfast

The Elba Chamber of Commerce hosted the annual Legislative Breakfast Friday morning, March 21, at the First Baptist Church in Elba.

Guest speakers for the event were local legislators Senator Jimmy Holley and Representative Terry Spicer. Each updated local citizens on the happenings of the current legislative session.

At the time of the breakfast, the legislators said the budget had been put on hold. Holley said he believes that was a wise decision. Holley and Spicer also explained how the "rainy day" funds established in year's past will most likely keep the state out of production in regards to the budget.

The legislators also addressed concerns regarding the continued construction of U.S. Highway 84 four-lane project. Each agreed that funding has been a culprit in slowing down this and other road projects with the cost of building roads continuously going up. They said funding for road projects has become a problem thus leading legislators to look at alternative ways to build roads.



Senator Jimmy Holley

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children: Antonio Lamon Dix (Enchelle), Shelia Dix-Dorsey (Ethan), Cordelia Monique Holmes, Dominique Terrell Curry, and Deonte Kiar Curry, all of Andalusia, Ala.; and six grandchildren.

J.D. BARBER

Rev. J.D. Barber, age 88, of Opp, Ala., formerly of Luverne, Ala., died Thursday, March 6, 2008, at the V.A. Medical Center in Montgomery, Ala.

Funeral services were held March 11, 2008 at St. Stephen A.M.E. Church, Opp, Ala., with Elder J.F. McCloud officiating. Burial followed at Hardin St. Cemetery, Opp, Ala., with Hammond Funeral Home of Elba, Ala. directing.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Eva Pearl Barber. Survivors include one son, Charlie T. Belcher, Atlanta, Ga.; and a devoted cousin and friend, Gloria Henderson.

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ing testing. She also said the NETWORK Club from New Brockton High School assisted with the program by serving cash and Goldfish snacks to the students.

"Our theme this year is 'Fishing for Good Scores,'" McDaniel said. "We thought that the Goldfish snacks would be appropriate."

Students in attendance appeared to enjoy the performance. Also, students were treated to a raffle drawing with many items donated from local businesses.

ROD ANTHONY BIVINS

Mr. Rod Anthony Bivins, age 54, died Sunday, March 16, 2008.

Funeral services were held March 21, 2008 at the Church of God By Faith, Ozark, Ala., with Elder J.R. Bivins officiating. Burial followed at the Ozark City Cemetery with Hammond Funeral Home, Dothan, Ala., directing.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Faustine Bivins; mother, Jazie Bivins; sister, Sharon Stafford; brother, William Swing; and sister-in-law, Mae Agnes Lawson.

Survivors include four daughters: LaNessa Shipman, Atlanta, Ga.; Kimberly Griffen, Troy, Ala.; with Supt. M. Ozark, Ala.; Cervani Edwards, Atlanta, two sons: LaRon Holmes, both of Ozark; his wife, Isolene Shipman, father and mother: Min. Shelly and Doris Bivins, Ozark; 13 grandchildren: Dedric Shipman, Terrell D. Telle, Nyoka Griffin, Tyana Griffin, Terraine Griffin, Franklin Griffin, LaRhonda N. Shipman, T'Keyah Penn, Jasmine Barbers, Chloé Garner, Jamaal Bailey, Jermaine Bailey, and Demetrius Martin; four sisters: Thurma Dubose (Jesse), Virginia Bivins, Newark, N.J.; Christine Yates (William), Ozark, and E. Mavon Greenwood (Larry), Enterprise;

four brothers: John R. Bivins (Mary), Okinawa, Japan, Billy Cole (Bessie), Calvin Cole, and Greg Cole (Gaynell), all of Atlanta, Ga.; five sisters-in-law: Mary Jean Shipman, Celestine Shipman, Celene Shipman, Lois Ann Grant, Jeanie Theus; and four brothers-in-law: Jonathan Shipman, Lee Curtis Shipman, Jerome Shipman and Jerry Shipman.

WILLIAM ALEXANDER BROWN JR.

Mr. William Alexander Brown Jr., age 40, died March 16, 2008.

Funeral services were held March 22, 2008 at Living Waters Church of God in Christ, Hartford, Ala., with Supt. M. Earl Pulliam officiating. Burial followed at Gates of Heaven Cemetery, Dothan, Ala.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R.B. (Ethel) Merrell; paternal grandparents, Elder Arrie and Mother Maggie Brown, all of Eufaula, Alabama.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Taylor Brown; one daughter: Whitney A. Brown; two sons: Justin Taylor and Jason Taylor; parents: Betty Ruth Merrill Pullin and W.A. Brown Sr. (Brenda); and six siblings: Shelia Goodman (Jesse), Alicia Mallard (Aaron), Harold and Gerald Wilson, Chicago, Ill.; Ashley Brown and Britney Brown.

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Elba man arrested following shooting incident

Elba Police officers responded Tuesday night, April 1, at approximately 11:10 p.m., to the scene of a reported shooting incident.

Coffee County officials make arrests in regards to sexual abuse cases

The Coffee County Sheriff's Department recently reported the arrest (Friday, March 21) of D'Anthony Brown on two counts of sexual abuse—first degree and one count of assault—third degree.

At the time of Brown's initial arrest, Coffee County Chief Deputy R.W. Whitworth said the investigation was continuing in this case and further charges were pending.

Late last week, officials with the Coffee County Sheriff's Department updated the case and announced that Brown remains in the Coffee County Jail with three additional charges of sodomy—first degree. Reportedly, Brown's victim is a 7-year-old male from the Elba area.

Also last week, Coffee County officials arrested (in an unrelated case) Jeremie Blake

in regards to a sexual abuse case. According to information released by the Elba Police Department, the shooting

allegedly occurred at 430 Plant Avenue in Elba. Upon arrival to the scene, officers discovered that Seth Cart, age 28, of Elba, had sustained a gunshot wound to the chest.

Cart was transported by Coffee County EMS to Medical Center Enterprise. By the following day, Cart's condition was listed as stable.

As a result of the shooting incident, Elba Police arrested Johnnie Lockett, age 48, of Elba. Lockett reportedly surrendered to authorities following the incident. He was charged with assault—first degree and discharging a firearm into an occupied dwelling.

Following his arrest, Lockett was processed and transported to the Coffee County Jail.



EMERGENCY PERSONNEL RESPONDED last Wednesday, April 2, at approximately 3:15 p.m., to the scene of a one-vehicle accident on Taylor Mill Road in Elba near the intersection of Highland Drive. Upon arrival, they found a 2003 Toyota Corolla, driven by Brittany Whitehead, age 16, of Elba, overturned in the ditch. Whitehead reportedly lost control of the vehicle causing it to leave the road and overturn. Whitehead was taken to Elba General Hospital by Coffee County EMS for treatment and was released later that evening. Elba Police Officer Lydon Jordan and Sgt. Michael Addison investigated the accident. Also responding to the scene was the Elba Volunteer Fire Department.

Elba queens welcome the King to town



Elba officially became a Burger King town Monday, April 7, as the doors to the well-known fast-food restaurant opened for business immediately following a ribbon cutting ceremony. The Elba Chamber of Commerce sponsored the ribbon cutting at 10 a.m. Monday morning, and as soon as Mayor James Grimes cut the ribbon, eager customers formed a line at the front counter waiting to be among the first to receive a whopper and more from Elba's very own Burger King. Elba queens (from left) Meagan Anderson, Emilee Hudson and Molly McGuire completed their formal duty of welcoming the King to Elba then fell in line to order their own burger and fries. Elba's Burger King was opened by Goldco, Inc., a franchise of the Burger King Corporation. A photo from Monday's ribbon cutting is located on Page 13 of today's paper.

Nicholson seeking District 3 seat to Coffee County Commission

Claude R. (Ronny) Nicholson announces his candidacy for the Coffee County Commission's District Three seat in the June 3, 2008 Democratic primary.

Nicholson is a graduate of Elba High School (class of 1967) and graduated from Huntingdon College in 1972 with a degree in accounting.

"If elected, it would be a privilege and a pleasure to work with the other commissioners while addressing problems and concerns of the citizens of District Three," said Nicholson. "I would greatly appreciate your vote and support in the Democratic primary on June 3rd."



Claude R. (Ronny) Nicholson

joining National Security. McLeod worked in public accounting with work experience including audits of public school systems.

McLeod is involved in coaching his daughters in youth sports and is also a member and past president of the Elba Lions Club.

The McLeod's are members of Hebron Baptist Church. McLeod said, "I was fortunate to receive an excellent education in the Coffee County School System which formed

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Ronny, son of C.G. and Louise Nicholson, is married to the former Jane Kidd and has two children, Kimbo and Renae, and one granddaughter, Kali. As a farmer and cattleman, he feels that his education and business experience will help him better serve the citizens of District Three.

"The celebration will include a grave marking ceremony and roll call of CSA Veterans with a special salute by Co E 15th Alabama Re-enactors."

ELBA HIGH SCHOOL BAND DAY will be Saturday, April 26, in Elba. B-B-Q plates are on sale now for Band Day and will remain on sale through Friday, April 11. Plates can be purchased at Elba High School or from any elementary or high school band member. Look for more details regarding Band Day 2008 in upcoming editions of The Elba Clipper.

ELBA PUBLIC LIBRARY will hold a book sale Monday, April 14, through Saturday, April 19.

ZION CHAPEL WILL HOLD ITS FIRST ACADEMIC EXPO Tuesday, April 15, from 6-8 p.m., in the Zion Chapel gymnasium. The Academic Expo is a visual and audio display of projects completed by students during the 2007-2008 school year. Students in kindergarten-12th grade will be involved in the expo. Everyone is invited to attend.

County BOE accepts retirement letters from three core-curriculum teachers

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Board of Education met Thursday evening, April 3, for the regular monthly board meeting and opened the meeting with a positive report from the State of Alabama Department of Examiners of Public Accounts.

Jennie Allen, a representative of the state office, shared the audit report with board members and said her appearance before the board was a routine part of the audit process. She said it was a very good audit and thanked the board of education staff for their cooperation in helping the auditors acquire any and all documents needed.

Allen said the audit reflected the time period of Oct. 1, 2006 – Sept. 30, 2007, and there were no findings in the audit. Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram said Glenda Glass and the office staff deserve the credit for the positive audit.

Upon the recommendation of the superintendent, board members awarded the low bid to re-roof the New Brockton High School gymnasium and the Kingston gymnasium and lunchroom.

Dr. Ingram said she was very pleased with the bid process receiving five bids for the project including a bid from as far away as Oklahoma. She recommended board members award the bid to ACME Roofing and Sheet Metal of Dothan, Ala. at \$519,868.

The company submitted the

low bid for the project, and Ingram said all requirements were met in the bid.

Dr. Ingram asked for permission from board members to sell a surplus trailer from Kingston School. She said she has an offer of \$200 from an individual to buy the trailer (which is in poor condition). Ingram said the bid process had previously been used to sell the trailer, but no bids were submitted. Therefore, she said she had asked auditors if the trailer could be sold in the right since no bids were submitted, and the auditors said yes.

Board members approved a motion to sell the trailer for \$200.

Board members approved four personnel matters upon the recommendation of the superintendent. All pertained to certificated personnel and included:

- Accept the resignation of Morgan Boyd, math

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NOTICE

The City of Elba Electric Department will have a scheduled power outage Thursday, April 10 (TODAY), starting at 5 p.m. The power will be off for approximately three (3) hours only in the downtown area. The electric department will be re-routing lines for the downtown revitalization project.

Kim Ellis announces candidacy for Coffee County Commission, District Two seat

As a lifelong resident of Coffee County, Kim Ellis has stepped forward and announced his Republican candidacy for Coffee County Commissioner, District Two.

Kim, age 44, is the son of Eva Nell Ellis Stanford and the late Tommy Ellis of Tarentum. He graduated from Zion Chapel High School in 1982 and has been employed as Sales Manager for Enterprise Paper and Janitorial for the past 13 years and is owner and operator of Rattlesnake Ridge, Inc., a trucking company.

He is married to Denise, who runs the Eufaula community center and is special events and marketing coordinator for the City of Eufaula. They have three children: Brandi, Downing Carter, age 24, Josh Ellis, age 20 and Caleb Downing, age 19. They are also the proud grandparents of Jaxon Carter, age 1.

Ellis said it has been a long time desire to be a commissioner for Coffee County.

"Being raised around my grandparents and other elders in the community, I feel that I can bring a combination of their wisdom and experience, as well as a younger outlook on today's needs and problems," said Ellis. "I urge all the residents of our county to get out and let their voices be heard at this primary election on June 3rd by voting for the candidate they feel can bring greater change for our county in the future. I greatly appreciate any and all support and would like to thank you for this opportunity."



Kim Ellis

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